REMARKS

For the record, Applicants do not concur with the Office Action of April 8, 2004.

Applicants may choose to pursue claims in a continuation application claiming priority to this one, instead of prosecuting the pending claims in this application. If so, such a choice does not, and cannot be construed to, imply that Applicants acquiesce in the grounds of rejection of the claims in the Office Action of April 8, 2004, nor does it or can it be construed to limit the scope of any claims that may eventually issue in a patent application claiming priority to this one.

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